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Communist Aviation School, Haichou

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1. The Chinese Communist Aviation School, Tumen, Manchuria, is known as the 81 Unit. It comprises 3 battalions and an aviation training school, and is commanded by CH'ANG Ch'ien-k'un ( ), who studied aeronautics in the USSR. Part of the 81 Unit was transferred to Haichou after the Haichou campaign.
2. As of 4 June 1949 some forty students were undergoing training in the 81 Branch School, Haichou. These students were selected from outstanding members of the 5 Cultural Workers' Unit and the Shantung Military and Political University. The instructors of the 81 Unit consisted of 5 Japanese and 5 Koreans. The chief Korean instructor is Kim Sang-il ( ). The Japanese instructors have not yet arrived.

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